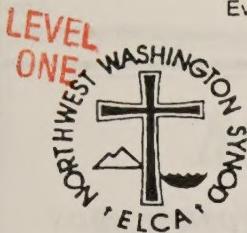


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## To BE MISSIONARY - BY BISHOP DON MAIER

Help! I have a Monday morning deadline and I'm almost brain dead after a full and demanding weekend. What can I offer? How about some excerpts from the sermon I preached on Friday evening for the installation of Rev. Michael Schaefer as Pastor of Harbour Point Lutheran Church?

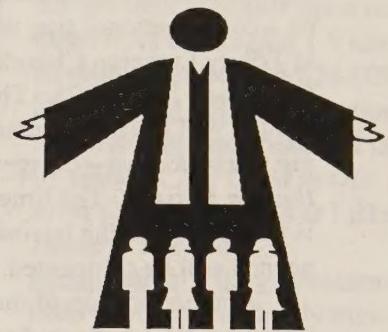
The purpose in my preaching was to arouse this pastor and congregation to the task of being a missionary church: "To be **missionary** is to be sent. The Church is God's sending. We are sent by God to invite and gather people to have part in God's salvation. Your mission is not about getting new members for your church; that would be institutional survival. It is about giving the Good News to people about God's full intention for them - their souls and bodies and living of life. This is for God's sake, for the sake of those people; not for your sake."

On the point, every Christian is a missionary. "We were sent straight from

the baptismal font with the commission to make Christ known: to tell, share, invite and gather to God the people God loves and wants to call. The mission field is where we are. Just think of all the people you rub against in your life - in family, at work or school, in the neighborhood or engaging in leisure activities. Who is going to care enough to tell them God's Good News if you don't?"

On being a **missionary pastor**. "You are pastor for those (unchurched) people every bit as much as you are pastor for the members of this congregation. Remember that when you walk the streets, enter the stores, do business and rub elbows with neighbors."

You are the sender. Your role is to prepare this missionary people. Open salvation to them; lay it wide open - the good news, the new life, the forgiveness of sins, the new beginning, the hope, the whole Story. Work with this people to prepare a place for unchurched people to come and meet Jesus. Be prepared



to listen. Be prepared to open the Scriptures to people who have never entered them before. Offer and give baptism at the right time, not too hastily. Be prepared to lead the new born into a life of following Jesus. That's what it is to be a missionary pastor to a community of missionaries."

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# SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MAKING CHRIST KNOWN — CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

The 1997 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, the first attempt to hold a synod assembly on a congregational site, will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood June 20-21. The Assembly will have the theme *Making Christ Known—Congregations in Mission*. The time frame is shortened and the business agenda will be compacted.

A major portion of the agenda will be dedicated to a discussion of the proposed **Mission 2000** initiatives for long-range planning for our Synod. These important discussions will help shape the future mission of the synod into the next century.

Rev. Harry Wendt of *Crossways International* will lead the Bible study and will also be the keynoter.

The schedule is as follows:

### **Friday, June 20**

- Registration begins at 8:30 am;
- First business session 10 am.
- A box lunch will be available
- Catered dinner
- Compline Service (Taizé)

### **Saturday, June 21**

- Business session will begin at 8:30 am
- Box lunch
- Programmatic workshops
- Closing Eucharist at 5 pm

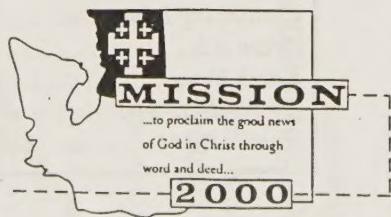


The public is invited to the worship services both Friday and Saturday.

Registration materials have been mailed to congregations. Our Synod constitution stipulates that assembly voting members representing congregations must receive pertinent information prior to the assembly. Therefore, it is important that voting members are properly registered. Please call the Synod Office, 206/783-9292, or the Registrar, Jeanie McBee, 206/486-6977, if you have further questions.

## **SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR SIGHT/HEARING IMPAIRED**

Audio tapes of pre-assembly materials can be made available for the sight impaired synod assembly voting members. For hearing impaired, electronic personal receivers can be provided for voting members. If these services are needed for voting members, please contact Committee on Disabilities, 206/524-2438, before May 30, 1997.



## **SYNOD WORKSHOPS ON BOUNDARIES AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

The Leadership Support Committee, through the Synod Council, recommends and encourages congregations to send all professional church workers to the *Synod Workshops on Boundaries and Sexual Misconduct*.

These workshops are required for all rostered people, but would be helpful for all church professionals, especially those working with children and youth. Many of our staff workers have had little professional training. These workshops may provide new information and certainly provide guidelines and clear expectations. The next workshop is scheduled for May 20-21 and will be held at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Phinney Ave. N. Seattle. Registration is through the synod office.

Rostered persons who have not received this training will be given first priority; others will be placed on a waiting list and informed if there is space available.

**He  
is  
Risen**

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

The next Bishop's Convocation for pastors and associates in ministry will be a Lutheran-Episcopal Ascension Day Event, May 8, 1997.

Rostered persons of the Northwest Washington Synod are invited to join colleagues from the Southwestern Washington Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia for a day of presentation and discussion on the *Concordat of Agreement*, the Lutheran-Episcopal Full Communion proposal.

Speakers include Dr. William Peterson, Dean of Bexley Hall and Professor of Church History at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and Dr. Eric W. Gritsch, Professor Emeritus of church History at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

The full day event, to be held at Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah, will include plenary presentations, small group discussion, luncheon and Eucharist. Details and registration to follow.

### COMPASS CENTER NEEDS QUILTS

The Compass Center needs tightly-tied, washable quilts for in-house use. Also welcome would be a pressure washer, cups, soup bowls, and pocket-sized Bibles, preferably in a modern translation. Please call 206/461-7835 if you can help.

### RUTH AND PAUL MANZ

#### ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Ruth and Paul Manz Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for its 1997 organ scholarship. The deadline for application and submitted tapes is June 30, 1997. This scholarship is awarded annually to an organ student who wishes to pursue a career in church music. The winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

The Manz Scholarship was established by Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN, to honor the contributions of both Ruth and Paul Manz to the congregation over their 37 years of service at Mount Olive.

Information on the scholarship and application requirements are available by contacting the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago President's Office at 773/256-0728.

### MISSION INVESTMENT FUND OF THE ELCA

The congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod hold over \$7,267,206 in operating funds, savings, memorials and endowments. Twenty-six synod congregations and 37 personal investors have \$1,551,819 in ELCA Mission Investments. This is an increase of \$883,515.

Mission congregations in this synod are supported by \$2,946,376 in Mission Investment Fund loans, contracts for deed and real estate holdings.

## RESOURCES

### ROLLIE MARTINSON

#### VIDEOS AVAILABLE

The videos made during the recent visit of Dr. Rollie Martinson are now available upon request from the Region 1 Video Resource Center: 206/624-0093. Martinson at LBI: presentations to congregational youth and family teams at *The Child in Our Arms Conference* held at LBI in January, 1997; and Martinson at Trinity: presentations to youth and family ministry professionals from NWWA Synod.

### REACHING YOUNG ADULTS

Written by Dr. Dave Ellingson, Region 1 Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, entitled Reaching Young Adults, it is part of a New Learning Ministry Series. The booklet provides a step-by-step process to involve and recruit young adults in your church. To order, call Augsburg Fortress at 800/328-4648 and ask for Unit 2 #69-6090. Also included are separate pieces on involving children in ministry and Sunday school planning.

### THE ANCHOR BIBLE

Joleen Palmer has Anchor Bible volumes (56 out of 61 total - includes all volumes published to date); cloth bound, unused, and in excellent condition for sale. The set includes: 27 Old Testament volumes; 17 New Testament volumes; and 6 Apocrypha and other volumes. For more information, phone or fax Joleen at 360/297-2876; or E-mail: STILLWATERS@worldnet.att.net

## Synod Events

### **COMMUNITY-BUILDING IN A DIVERSE WORLD**

In July of this year, teams of people from ten congregations of our synod will come together for training in the Regarding Bridges program of the Lutheran Human Relations Association (LHRA).

Regarding Bridges is a scripturally based program which enables individuals and congregations to develop their leadership skills for sensitive and effective community-building in a diverse world.

Participants in the training will be able to apply their learnings to their congregation's mission, outreach and service.

Three persons are needed from each congregation, one of whom is a person of color or whose language is other than English. Two congregations can form a team to work in both congregations. The team would consist of four people, two from each congregation, with at least one of the four a person of color. The team will be expected to plan for, recruit and train members of their own congregation in 1997.

The training will take place July 18-21 at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah. The 48-hour training will begin at 6 pm on Friday, July 18 and continue through the day of Sunday, July 21. Cost of the training is \$200 per congregation (combined congregational teams are considered two congregations at \$200 each). This fee includes two nights at LOMA and five meals, plus training materials. The Synod is covering the cost of the trainers from LHRA and is supplementing retreat costs.

If your congregation is interested in sending a team to the Regarding Bridges training, please call the Synod Office, 206/783-9292 or 1/800/244-6997.

### **OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES FUND RAISER**

Pat Wright and the *Total Experience Gospel Choir* and the *Diversity Dance Workshop* will perform in a benefit for Open Door Ministries on Sunday, May 4, at 4 pm, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 9th and Stewart, Seattle.

Free parking is available. A suggested donation of \$7 is requested.

ODM exists to bring the compassion of Christ and his Church to persons affected by HIV/AIDS; the chaplain, the Rev. Rick Pribbernow, may be reached at 206/628-0946.

### **PRESENTATION ON ELCA TRIP TO BOLIVIA, PERU**

A group of ELCA-ers, mainly from churchwide in Chicago, went on a fact-finding trip to Bolivia and Peru and found, much to their delight, a church that was thriving and alive with joyous good news of the Gospel.

In the delegation was Marcia Erickson-Bates, a former youth director at St. Andrews, Bellevue, and a six-year editor of *Seeds for the Parish*. Marcia is available to show slides about the exciting work in that part of South America.

Contact her at 206/316-3200 for more information.

### **BISHOP'S HEALING SERVICES**

Two more Bishop's Healing Services are scheduled between now and summer.

The first is April 20 at Riverton Heights Lutheran Church, 3505 S. 140th St., Tukwila. The service begins at 6 pm and is followed by dessert and cookies.

The second is May 4 at Christ the Servant, 2600 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham. This service begins at 5 pm and is also followed by dessert and cookies.

All rostered persons and their families are invited to these services. Our Bishop recognizes the unique situation of spouses and children in clergy families. The healing service is a time when we can gather and share some of that uniqueness, pray for one another and ourselves, be lifted up in prayer.

### **MENTAL HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE SERVICES**

The Mental Health Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Inclusion of People with Handicapping Conditions, held its first Taizé/Communion Service on February 9th for people who live with major mental illness. Sixteen people attended.

The services are held the second Sunday night of the month at University Lutheran, Seattle, at 7 pm. Olive and Art Lundgren, members of the Committee and of Central Lutheran Church in Everett, donated a chalice and paten for these monthly services in memory of Olive's father.

# More Events

## BENEFIT AUCTION FOR LBI PHONE SYSTEM

Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle will hold a benefit auction Saturday, May 17, beginning at 6 pm at Cascade Auditorium, LBIS campus, 4221 228th Ave. SE, Issaquah.



Proceeds from the auction — called *Students On Line* — will improve the telephone system in the LBIS residence halls so that students can have individual telephone and internet access. Contact the LBIS Development Office for information on tickets or for to donate items to the auction.

## SEATTLE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION

The 17th Annual Seattle Lutheran High School Dinner Auction, *Showers of Blessings*, will be Saturday, April 19, at The Atrium at the Design Center, 5701 - 6th Ave. S., Seattle. Doors will open at 4:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the SLHS Building Fund.

Call Sue Christopher at SLHS, 206/937-7722, if you have questions or need ticket information.



## FELLOWSHIP OF RECOVERING LUTHERAN CLERGY

*Straight to the Cross* is the theme for the 1997 Retreat of the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy, to be held June 27-28 at Loyola Retreat Center, 3220 SE 43rd St., Portland OR 97206.

The Rev. Paul Stone, Consultation to Clergy, will be the facilitator. Cost for the retreat is \$65 for a single room and four meals; \$10 plus meal cost \$4.50 breakfast, \$6 lunch, \$8 dinner) for commuters.

Send registration form and \$20 deposit to Melanie Martin-Dent, Faith Lutheran Church, PO Box C, Pierce, ID 83546. Please make checks payable to the Fellowship of Recovering Clergy.

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## CONCERT FOR THE EARTH AND BEYOND

The Ecumenical Choir of the Church Council of Greater Seattle will present an Earth Day Concert on Friday Evening, April 25, at 8 pm at Phinney Ridge Lutheran church, 7500 Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle.

The choir will perform songs honoring the Earth, featuring music by local Northwest composers. The Northwest Girl Choir will also offer some musical selections.

A donation is suggested to support the work of the Ecumenical Choir.

## 1997 ELCA GLOBAL MISSION EVENTS

Look to Jesus, Run the Race... is the theme for the 1997 ELCA Global Mission Events. People from around the world will gather to explore the implications of Hebrews 12:1-2 on their lives.

This summer's events will be held at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL and Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX. These locations may not be in your "back yard", but the experience has been that all 65 synods are represented at almost all GMEs.

Promotional materials are available to assist you in encouraging your people to participate.

Contact the Synod Office for more information, 206/783-9292 or 1-800/244-6997.

# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## OPPORTUNITIES AT LBI

### PREPARE/ENRICH CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Dr. Bill Goodwin is doing certification workshops for pastors and counselors to use *Prepare/Enrich*, a pre-marital and marital counseling communication tool. The dates are April 5 (in the Gig Harbor area) and May 22 (at LBI in Issaquah). For more information and to register, call 206/392-0400, ext. 280. If you are already trained to use this instrument but would like information about recertification on *Prepare/Enrich*, version 2000, please call.

### LAVIK LECTURESHIP

#### MARCH 31-APRIL 11, 3-4:50 PM

Dr. Philip M. Bickel, Professor of Evangelism and Missions at Concordia College (St. Paul, MN), guest speaker on the theme *Cross-cultural Evangelism: Tools = Team = Joy*. Free to the public or available for credit and continuing education credits. For more information, contact Prof. Pat Lelvis, 206/392-0400. For registration information, contact Registrar Judy Odegaard, 206/392-0400.

### VBS WORKSHOP

An introductory Vacation Bible Workshop will be held Tuesday, April 15, 10-11 am and 7-8:30 pm at Augsburg Fortress, 6601 220th St. SW, Suite 8, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043, 206/778-1552. Amy Plumb will be the presenter. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

### VISITING PROFESSOR FROM GERMANY

Dr. Klaus Schulz, Professor of Dogmatics at the Mission Seminary in Hermansburg, Germany, and Head of the Training Institute of Adult Christian Education, will be a volunteer visiting professor during spring quarter at the Lutheran Bible Institute.

Dr. Schulz will teach *Contemporary Theology* (BT 361, 2 credits), Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-1:50 pm; and *The Church and Theology in Modern Germany* (BT 322, 2 credits), Tuesdays, 6:15-7:55 pm.

For more information or other course offerings, contact the Registrar, Judy Odegaard, 206/392-0400.

### PREACHING WORKSHOP

#### APRIL 1, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Dr. Bruce Grigsby, Professor of General Studies, will present *Easter: Season of Life*; lecture, discussion. Contact Dr. Roy Harrisville III, 206/392-0400.

### ADULT ELCA LEARNING DAY

This event, sponsored and led by the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries and Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, Saturday, May 17, 9 am - 3:30 pm, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Everett, encourages adult education leaders from around the country to join together to explore answers to important Adult Christian education questions.

## AAPLM\NW 1997

### CONFERENCE

The Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers of the Northwest 1997 Conference is at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane.

The theme for the conference is *God's Tool Chest*; the keynote speaker will be the Rev. Mark Nelson, Assistant to the Bishop, Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod.

For registration information call Hilde Glore, 206/284-1960 or 206/367-5199. Registration deadline is April 15.

### CPE RESIDENCY

Hennipin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN, is accepting applications for residency positions to start August 25, 1997. Apply to: Sue Breiner, CPE Director, 612/347-2260, 701 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55415-11829.

### CURRICULUM DAY AT AUGSBURG FORTRESS

Come - See - Ask questions about *Good News Explorers* and the *New Witness* curriculum, April 16 at Augsburg Fortress, 6601 220th St. SW, Mountlake Terrace. There will be a special introduction of Witness at 10 am and 7 pm. Amy Plumb, presenter.

The same presentation will be made at Trinity Lutheran Church, 12115 Park Ave. S., Tacoma, on April 5, 10:30-noon.

# Want Ads

## **DIRECTOR OF FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Camano Lutheran Church is seeking a person to develop and promote the congregation ministry of families and youth.

Qualifications include: membership in the Lutheran church; Biblical and theological knowledge; organizational and motivational ability; communicational skills. Counseling, computer literacy, budgeting skills and some course work in Family and Youth Ministry desirable.

This full-time position will start September 1, 1997.

Send resume, college transcript to: Camano Lutheran Church, 850 N. Heichel Rd., Camano Island, WA 98292, Attn: Director of Family & Youth Committee. Call 360/629-4592 for more information.

## **WISCONSIN NEEDS AIMs!**

- **Full-time musician** - 10-20 years' experience. Must be willing to build program/ministry from almost ground up; flexible in worship and music styles.
- **Full-time musician** and lay ministry coordinator. Starting salary at beginning years of experience. Must be flexible in worship and musical styles.
- **Full-time Family Ministries.** 1 year experience. Looking to develop program that strengthens marriage, family and friendship relationships of persons in the congregation and community.
- **Full-time parish ministry.** Work with youth, education, evangelism all with outreach emphasis. 0-3 years experience.

Contact Phyllis Castens Wiederhoeft, Assistant to the Bishop, South Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA, 608/249-4848.

## **DIRECTOR YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Bethlehem Lutheran, Marysville, is seeking a person with gifts in relational ministry for youth and their families.

Outgoing self-starter with training in youth and related educated ministries is a must; experience and certification as an ELCA associate in ministry (or person seeking certification), is a definite plus.

This is a full-time position with a benefits package and housing assistance if desired.

Send resume to: Pastor Jack Richards, Bethlehem Lutheran, 7215 51st Ave. NE, Marysville, WA 98270, before May 15, 1997.

## **COORDINATOR OF CHORAL MUSIC**

Ebenezer Lutheran, Lake Stevens, is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Choral Music with a knowledge of traditional contemporary styles, to begin mid-to late August, directing two adult choirs.

Detailed job description available upon request; salary based on experience.

Send resume to Pastor Richard Edmonds, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, PO Box 97, Lake Stevens, WA 98258. Call 206/334-0421 for information. Apply by May 15, 1997.

## **MARCH 31 DEADLINE**

## **YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Christ Lutheran Church, Tacoma, is seeking a full-time Youth Director. Must possess administrative skills, interpersonal and relationship skills to work in group and one-on-one environments associated with youth and adults. A two- or four-year degree in appropriate field is preferred.

Send resume to: Rev. Lori Cornell, Associate Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, 8211 112th St. SW, Tacoma, WA 98398. Call 206/582-0331 for more information and/or complete job description.

## **REAL-TIME CAPTIONING**

Person skilled in operating court reporter's Steno keyboard is needed to provide captioning for hearing impaired at the Northwest Washington Synod ELCA Assembly worship service. Call Synod Committee on Disabilities, 206/524-2438 or FAX Synod Office, 206/783-9833.



## **VILLAGE PASTOR - HOLDEN VILLAGE**

Holden Village is beginning the process of calling a new Village Pastor.

This is a non-sponsored call to specialized ministry issued through the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Council. Candidates must be ordained clergy person on roster of ELCA or LCMS; above-average preaching ability, demonstrated competence in pastoral counseling, commitment to team ministry responsibilities, physical and emotional health; awareness of conditions regarding living in isolated community, commitment to own spiritual growth. We can receive only a single pastor or one who is married, but has no children.

Our hope is to interview in April, call in May, allowing the new pastor to begin in August or September.

Contact Susan Briehl, Executive Director, Holden Village, Chelan, WA 98816.

# Youth News

## SUICIDE AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of Lutheran Youth Together will sponsor a Suicide Awareness Forum on Sunday, April 20 at 4 pm at St. John Lutheran Church.

Stacey Devenney, Valley City Counseling and Consultation, South King County, will present the QPR Assessment Model.

Other resource people include: Maureen Lofgren, Parent Resource Center, and Christy Donner, Emergency Room Nurse, both at Children's Hospital & Medical Center; and Pastor Carol Jensen, St. John. Lutheran.

Teenagers and their parents are encouraged to attend together. There will be a cost of \$2.50 to cover materials.

Please call Helen McBride, 206/789-2035 for additional information.

## JUST-ABOUT-EVERYTHING PAGES

Take another look at the *Pages* which is chockfull of information. A few extra copies are available at the Region 1 Office — call 206/624-0993 or 1/800/755-5831

## HOLDEN WEEKENDS

There may still be openings for your Youth Group at Holden Village in May. But hurry! The first and fourth weekends are already full. Contact Krista Sickert at Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn, 206/833-5280.

## FESTIVAL OF LIFE

### YOUTH WEEKS AT LBI

The Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle invites your youth group to check out the annual Festival of Life youth weeks this summer.

Jr. High: June 30-July 3

Sr. High 1: July 6-10

Sr. High 2: July 13-17

Join over 100 youth each week participating in celebration, reflection, challenge, creative fun, and the building of friendships in Christ.

Converge on our college campus with youth groups from California to Minnesota and beyond. Experience the Christ-centered fun and growth that keeps the youth groups coming back.

For more information, reply to: lbi-comp@lbi.edu; or contact Dr. Bill Goodwin, LBIS Youth & Family Ministry Dept., 4221 - 228th Ave. SE, Issaquah, WA 98029-9299, 206/392-0400.



## CONVOCATION

Are you sending young persons to Convo? It's a great way for them to learn how the church works, discuss some important issues, and develop their leadership skills. Information should be available in the Synod Assembly Registration Packets.

## EARTH DAY



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

These popular, high quality youth training schools will be held again this summer. They can help your youth learn how to be an effective leader in your congregational Youth Ministry. Check the *Just-About-Everything Pages* for specific dates, people to contact and registration forms.

## EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Presbyterian Counseling Service will sponsor *Active Parenting of Teens*, a six-week education program for parents of teen and pre-teens, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (north Seattle) on Mondays from 7-9 pm beginning April 14.

*Active Parenting of Teens* gives parents a handle on dealing with their teens effectively, even in coping with tough issues such as drugs, alcohol and sex. The cost of the class is \$50/person or \$80/couple plus a \$13 Parent's Guide. Call 206/527-2266 for more information.

# SYNOD STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## MORE OF EVERYTHING - BY JOHN STRAND

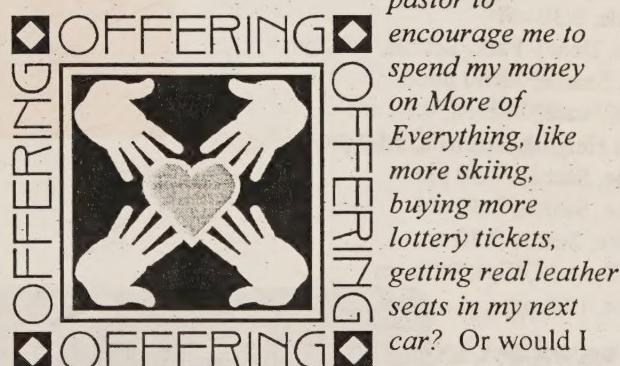
I have been known to spend a portion of my day off visiting my favorite hardware store. Their store motto is *More of Everything*. I got to thinking that this motto describes our consumeristic culture very well. We all want MORE of EVERYTHING. We are bombarded with advertisements which invite us to spend our money on more eating out, more vacations, more products that promise youth, vitality, beauty and prestige. And we buy it. We are hooked by this consumeristic siren song. More of everything sounds like it is the secret to happiness and life fulfillment.

And then we go to church and the pastor asks (hopefully) for our generous support of the mission and ministry of the church. What is your reaction? Many say, *The church is always asking for money*. The church asks for your financial support because of the important work of the church. The church asks for your support in order to provide a house of worship, open to all people. The world will not provide this, it is the unique work of the church. The church asks for your support because it is in the vital business of teaching the word of God to adults and children, preaching God's grace and justice. The

world needs the church and we need to support our church with generosity.

The next time your pastor asks you to give your money to support your church ask yourself this question, *Would I want my pastor to encourage me to spend my money on More of Everything, like more skiing, buying more lottery tickets, getting real leather seats in my next car?* Or would I want my pastor to

lift up the vision of the church where Jesus is given praise and the promises of God are proclaimed?



# FAMILY NEWS

Please remember the following brothers and sisters as you pray:

- **Jody Rohde**, whose father died in early February.
- **John Corkran**, Director of Development of the Northwest Foundation, and his wife, **Toni**, members of Bethany, whose daughter was killed in a traffic accident in El Paso, TX, on February 22.
- **Amy Bartling**, was in a serious car accident in Detroit early in March and she suffered head injuries. She is home from the hospital and healing. **Paul and Ruth** are with her. If all goes well and Amy is able to travel, they hope to bring her back to Seattle before Easter for the remainder of her recovery.
- **Ron Soine** will be having throat surgery on April 2 at University Hospital.
- Congratulations to **Ben and Hildur Bretheim**, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20. Their children, **Daniel Bretheim** and **JoAnn Bretheim Fitch** invite you to an open house in their parents' honor from 3-5 pm at Ballard First Lutheran, 2006 NW 65th St., Seattle. No gifts, please.

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- 1 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace, Shoreline, 7:00 pm  
2 Synod Assembly Task Force, Trinity, Lynnwood, 3:00 pm  
3 Gloria Dei Committee, Synod Office, 11:00 am  
5 Mission 2000 Task Force, Prince of Peace, Everett, 9:00 am  
7-10 Pastoral Conference in Victoria, BC  
11 Communications Committee, Faith, Seattle, 9:00 am  
13 Worship Service for Mentally Ill & Families, University, Seattle, 7:00 pm  
14 Maritime Ministry , Region I, Seattle, 9:30 am  
15 Endowment Investment Committee, Denny Park, Seattle, 4:00 pm  
17 Ecumenical Commission, Bethany, Seattle, 12:00 noon  
19 Mission 2000 Task Force, Prince of Peace, Everett, 9:00 am  
20 Bishop's Healing Service, Riverton Heights, Tukwila, 5:00 pm  
22 Board of Congregational Life, Hope, Seattle, 7:30 pm  
23 Executive Committee, Synod Office, Seattle, 7:30 am  
24 Candidacy Committee, Synod Office, Seattle 9:30 am  
26 Board of Outreach & Evangelism, Synod Office, 9:00 am  
29 Personnel Committee, Synod Office, 1:00 pm

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**INSTALLATIONS**  
Jean M. Barrington  
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**ORDINATION/COMMISSIONING**  
Marjorie A. Funk-Pihl

University, Seattle  
03/23/97

**RETIREMENTS**  
None this month

**RESIGNATIONS**  
None this month

**ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS**  
None this month

**TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF SYNOD**  
Theol S. Hoiland from SW Washington Synod  
03/01/97

**CONGREGATIONS/AGENCIES IN CALL PROCESS**  
C=Calling NV>New Vacancy Int=Interim S=Synod Call I=Interviewing V=Vacancy

Burien, Glendale (Assoc)	NV	Arnold Anderson, Lead Pastor
Everett, Faith	Int	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Marysville, Bethlehem (Assoc)	NV	Jack Richards, Pastor
Redmond, Sammamish Hills (Assoc)	NV	Stephen Olson, Lead Pastor
Seatac, Prince of Peace	NV	Stephen Grumm, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Bethel Chinese	V	
Seattle, Calvary	Int	Mary Lindberg, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	Int	Arden Baden, Interim